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REMARKS

The Invention.

The present invention is directed to glycodendrimer reagent compositions.

Status of the Application.

Claims 16-24 are pending. Claims 1-12 and 25-48 have been cancelled as drawn to a non-elected invention without prejudice and Applicants reserve the right to file further continuation applications on any subject matter disclosed in the instant application or on the subject matter of any previously or presently cancelled claim.

35 U.S.C. §102(e).

Claims 16-24 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,512,098. Applicants respectfully traverse.

Applicants believe that the inventors for the elected claims are Benjamin G. Davis and John Bryan Jones. This is the same inventive entity as the '098 patent. In addition the present application claims benefit of the '098 patent. Once allowable subject matter is agreed upon, Applicants will correct inventorship rendering moot this rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments, as well as the remarks, the Applicants believe the pending claims are in condition for allowance and issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (650) 846-7615.

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